



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation was scarce across Colorado last week. Most areas received amounts below average for this time of year; however, the first snow was recorded towards the end of the week throughout The Front Range. Temperatures finally dropped statewide and were recorded about average for the week. Producers had an average of 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

## TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	19	35	43	3
Last Week	21	37	41	1
Last Year	8	26	64	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	43	42	3
Last Week	14	45	38	3
Last Year	15	39	45	1

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat seeding was complete, with 81 percent of the crop emerged by the end of the week. The crop is rated in mostly good condition.

**Row Crops:** Sorghum was 99 percent mature and 46 percent harvested. The crop is in mostly good condition. Dry onion harvest was complete by week's end. Sunflowers were 68 percent harvested while summer potatoes were 99 percent harvested. Fall potatoes were 95 percent harvested. Corn was 49 percent harvested and rated in mostly good condition. Sugarbeets were 48 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 92 percent harvested by the end of the week.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 21, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Corn</b>					
This Week	1	3	18	54	24
Last Year	5	12	24	40	19
<b>Sorghum</b>					
This Week	0	0	21	67	12
Last Year	1	19	38	41	1

**Alfalfa Hay:** Fourth cutting was 65 percent complete by the end of the week. The crop is in mostly good to fair condition.

**Pasture and Range:** Conditions remained about the same as the previous week and continue to be rated in mostly good to fair.

**Livestock:** Death loss for cattle was reported at average while sheep were slightly below average last week. Livestock is rated in mostly good condition. Stored feed supplies are above average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 21, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range	4	13	36	44	3
Prev. Year	11	24	37	24	4
5-Year Avg.	20	22	36	20	2

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 21, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Emerged	81	71	90	90
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested	49	37	29	38
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	99	88	69	82
Harvested	46	31	19	30
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	68	60	52	44
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	65	47	53	61
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	100	89	100	97
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	48	31	45	45
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	99	95	99	99
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	95	79	99	96
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Harvested	92	80	83	89

## COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	0	5	20	50	25
<b>Corn</b>	1	3	18	54	24
<b>Sorghum</b>	0	0	21	67	12
<b>Alfalfa</b>	0	6	25	47	22
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	3	15	64	18
<b>Livestock</b>	1	2	13	63	21

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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